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Appl	licant l	herewi	th submits to the United Sta	tes Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US	S) the following items and other information:						
1.	\boxtimes			tems concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C.	_						
2.		This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.									
3.		This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.									
4.	\boxtimes	The US has been elected (Article 31).									
5.	\boxtimes	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))									
	a.	is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).									
	b.										
	c.	is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).									
6.		An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).									
	a.		is attached hereto.								
	b.		has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).								
7.	□ a.	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).									
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8.		An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).									
9.	\boxtimes	An unexecuted oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).									
10.		An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).									
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11.		An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.									
12.		An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.									
13.	\boxtimes	A Preliminary Amendment.									
14.		An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.									
15.		A substitute specification.									
16.		A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.									

19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. Other items or information: PCT Notification of Transmittal of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT Rule 71.1) (Form PCT/IPEA/416); PCT International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT Article 36 and Rule 70) (Form PCT/IPEA/409);

A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

WO 2004/053051 A2; Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices (Form PCT/IB/308) and Request to Examine Application Based on the Text Amended Before the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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REQUEST TO EXAMINE APPLICATION BASED ON THE TEXT AMENDED BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY **EXAMINING AUTHORITY AND EXPLANATION OF REDUCED SEARCH FEE**

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Sir:

The above-identified application was amended under Article 34 PCT before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Applicants respectfully request that the examination of the application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office be based on the amended text, see the enclosed International Preliminary Examination Report, including Amended sheets with 62 claims.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(b)(2), Applicants respectfully note that a reduced search fee for this national stage filing is paid herein because an International Search Report on the International Application has been prepared and is provided to the USPTO no later than the time at which the search fee is paid.

Authorization is hereby granted to charge or credit the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206 for any fees or overpayments related to this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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